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INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AGAO, AMGT

SUBJECT: GAO COUNTRY COGNIZANCE SURVEY

PANAMA - PLEASE PASS GAO MR. DE MARCO.

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE THAT THEIR PANAMA BRANCH PLANS TO CONDUCT COUNTRY COGNIZANCE SURVEYS AT ADDRESSEE POSTS. GAO REPS ARE MESSRS. JOHN GALLANT AND HENRY AVALOS. BOTH HOLD TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES. GALLANT HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INVOLVED AGENCIES.

2. FOR BACKGROUND :COUNTRY COGNIZANCE SURVEYS ARE GAO SELF-INITIATED, INFORMATION-GATHERING STUDIES FOR PURPOSES THEIR: MAINTAINING CONTINUING SURVEILLANCE OF USG ACTIVITIES ABROAD; BEING ALERT TO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OR SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS TO BETTER ENABLE GAO TO RESPOND TO CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES; IDENTIFYING PROBLEM AREAS OR POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS WHICH MAY REQUIRE THE MORE INTENSIVE AUDIT-REVIEW. SUCH SURVEYS DO NOT NORMALLY RESULT IN FORMAL REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS; HOWEVER, INFORMAL REPORTS ARE PREPARED BY THE GAO AUDITORS AT POST, AND FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSED WITH COM AND COUNTRY TEAM.

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3. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH  
GAO ON SUBJECT SURVEY WITHIN PROVISIONS OF 4 FAM  
930-934. GAO AWARE THAT ANY CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF USG  
OFFICIAL COMMUNITY ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR AND  
TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSY. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS  
ARISING DURING COURSE OF SURVEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO  
DEPARTMENT.

4. GAO TEAM PLANS VISIT TO HAITI SEPTEMBER 7-19 AND  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 3. HOTEL  
ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BY GAO PANAMA. KISSINGER

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